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Dear Dr. Wheeler,

The South Carolina Nurses' Association is pleased to be able to support your application for a Project ASSIT Grant. We believe that this is an exciting and extremely worthwhile and timely project for our state to become involved in to assist in the improvement of the health of the citizens of South Carolina.

Even as we see the statistics which indicate that smoking and smokeless tobacco use are somewhat on the decline nationally, we continue to see the tragic evidence of the use of these products in South Carolina. The attacking of populations which are vulnerable to the addiction which tobacco use caused by the Tobacco Industry is a national shame. The high rate of infant mortality in South Carolina and the growing number of young women of child bearing age who are smoking is only one area which commands our attention.

The South Carolina Nurses' Association has had a position adopted by its governing body concerning smoking and tobacco use since 1985. This resolution strongly endorsed the concepts of smoking cessation, public education, "smokeless" meetings, and recognized the addictive nature of tobacco use. The South Carolina Nurses' Association has participated in legislative initiatives to promote clean indoor air and in other public education activities.

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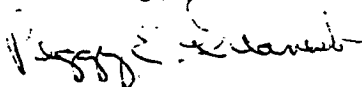
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The S.C. Nurse, an award winning state-wide publication is but one vehicle for participation in an information and action campaign. SCNA has a network of nurses in all areas of nursing practice and education upon which we can draw for support and activities.

It is clear that both the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the American Cancer Society, South Carolina Division are two large well staffed organizations which are extremely capable of handling a project of the magnitude necessary to address the issues of smoking and tobacco use in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Nurses' Association looks forward to working with you on this exciting and much needed project for the public's health.

Sincerely,


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